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## **Media Bureau Announces Comment and Reply Deadlines for Video Navigation Choices NPRM and Establishes Schedule for *Ex Parte* Meetings**

**MB Docket No. 16-42**

**Comment Deadline: April 22, 2016**

**Reply Comment Deadline: May 23, 2016**

**Dates Set Aside for *Ex Parte* Meetings with Bureau: June 6-10, 2016**

On February 18, 2016, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* in MB Docket No. 16-42 that seeks comment on proposed rules designed to allow consumers to choose how they access the multichannel video programming to which they subscribe. The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register.<sup>1</sup> A summary of the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register on March 16, 2016, which established deadlines of April 15, 2016 for comments and May 16, 2016 for reply comments.<sup>2</sup> Subsequently, the American Cable Association submitted a request for extension to submit comments, and the Bureau granted a 7-day extension. As a result, comments are due on April 22, 2016, and reply comments are due May 23, 2016. Commenters must follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 95 of the *NPRM*.<sup>3</sup> The *NPRM* is also available on the Commission's website.<sup>4</sup>

As described in the *NPRM*, this matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>5</sup> Given the interest in this proceeding, we have determined that it would be efficient for Commission staff to set aside a specific period for *ex parte* meetings. Staff from the Media Bureau will be available for meetings with interested parties to discuss issues raised in comments and replies on June 6 through June 10, 2016. To the extent interested parties have an unavoidable conflict such that they cannot meet on any of these dates, they may contact Media Bureau staff to discuss alternate arrangements. To schedule meetings pursuant to this Notice, please contact Brendan Murray, [Brendan.Murray@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Murray@fcc.gov), or Lyle Elder, [Lyle.Elder@fcc.gov](mailto:Lyle.Elder@fcc.gov), of the Media Bureau, Policy Division, (202) 418-2120. Press inquiries should be directed to Janice Wise, (202) 418-8165. TTY: (202) 418-7172 or (888) 835-5322.

<sup>1</sup> See *Expanding Consumers' Video Navigation Choices; Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices*, MB Docket No. 16-42, Notice Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-18 (Feb. 18, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> See *Expanding Consumers' Video Navigation Choices; Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices*, 81 Fed. Reg. 14033 (March 16, 2016), <https://federalregister.gov/a/2016-05763>.

<sup>3</sup> See *NPRM* at para. 95.

<sup>4</sup> [http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2016/db0218/FCC-16-18A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2016/db0218/FCC-16-18A1.pdf).

<sup>5</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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